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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,5,7,8 and 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,4,6,9-11 and 13-18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/24/04, 12/11/06, 12/12/06.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-8, & 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ishigami et al (US 5933184).

Re claims 1 & 12, Ishigami et al discloses (Abstract; Figure 1; column 2, line 58 - column 3, line 16) a method of compensating for directional position errors in a laser beam in an electrophotographic printer. Correction data are pregenerated from measurements of the laser beam positions in the optical system, and this data profile is used to warp the pixels of the bitmap image printed by the device (by modifying the scan velocity of the beam to correct expansion or reduction of the image).

Re claims 3 & 8, Ishigami et al discloses (column 12, lines 32-37) that the correction data is stored in memory (and thus inherently "registered to" the device containing the memory).

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Re claim 5, Ishigami et al discloses (Figure 12; column 16, lines 35-61) the construction of a pixel (pel) model that maps addresses (pel locations) from associated locations on the scan path (with their correction data).

Re claim 7, Ishigami et al discloses (column 1, lines 44-55) the use of measurements taken at plural test points to derive the correction data.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2, 4, 6, 9-11, & 13-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. Claim 19 is allowed.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Re claims 2 & 4, the art of record does not disclose the recited rotation of a laser beam scan path model in association with the recited laser beam compensation arrangement.

Re claim 6, the art of record does not disclose the recited bow profiling of a correction profile in association with the recited laser beam compensation arrangement.

Re claim 9 (and dependent claims 10-11), the art of record does not disclose the recited combination of a scan direction

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measurement, a process direction measurement, and a measurement corresponding to the angle of a rotating polygonal mirror in association with the recited laser beam compensation arrangement.

Re claim 13 (and dependent claim 14), the art of record does not disclose the recited encoding of each pel location with two bits defining a jump up, a jump down, or no jump in association with the recited laser beam compensation arrangement.

Re claim 15 (and dependent claims 16-18), the art of record does not disclose the recited encoding of pel jumps and process direction offsets for stop and start pel locations in association with the recited laser beam compensation arrangement.

Re claim 19, the art of record does not disclose the recited separate warping of four deconstructed color bitmaps each in accordance with a corresponding pel profile in association with the recited laser beam compensation arrangement.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning the contents of this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Brinich at 571-272-7430.

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Any inquiry relating to the status of this application or proceeding or any inquiry of a general nature concerning application processing should be directed to the Tech Center 2600 Customer Service center at 571-272-2600 or to the USPTO Contact Center at 800-786-9199 or 571-272-1000.


The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays 8:00-5:30, alternate Fridays off.

The examiner's unit designation has been changed from "Art Unit 2624" to "Technology Division 2625" (as of March 20, 2006).

If attempts to contact the examiner and the Customer Service Center are unsuccessful, supervisor David Moore can be contacted at 571-272-7437.

Faxes pertaining to this application should be directed to the Tech Center 2600 official fax number, which is 571-273-8300 (as of July 15, 2005).

Hand-carried correspondence may be delivered to the Customer Service Window, located at the Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.


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